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1. DEPT APPRECIATES JAPANESE PROCEDURE OF INFORMING US OF TSURUMI'S WITHDRAWAL AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE AND OF COORDINATING GOJ MOVES WITH USG. EMBOFF REQUESTED TO CONVEY SUCH APPRECIATION AS WELL AS US CONCERN FOR TSURUMI'S HEALTH TO GOJ.

2. GOJ SHOULD PROBABLY INFORM OTHER COUNTRIES OF TSURUMI'S WITHDRAWAL ASAP IN ORDER TO ALLOW MAXIMUM TIME TO SWING WESTERN SUPPORT TO ANOTHER SUITABLE CANDIDATE. HOWEVER, USG WOULD SUGGEST GOJ FIRST INFORM NORWEGIANS AS WELL AS ASIAN COUNTRIES OF TSURUMI'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW. IF TSURUMI WAS BEING PRESENTED AS ASIAN CANDIDATE, JAPANESE MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES AS TO BEST WAY TO PROCEED. FINALLY, DEPT SUGGESTS JAPANESE INFORM ALL COUNTRIES WITH WHICH GOJ EARLIER CONSULTED ON TSURUMI CANDIDACY, TO LET THEM KNOW OF GOJ DECISION TO WITHDRAW. GOJ MAY WISH TO DELIVER ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO ALL NATIONS THAT RECEIVED THE EARLIER JAPANESE NOTE.

3. DEPT RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTIES SOME COUNTRIES MAY HAVE SUPPORTING ANOTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN CANDIDATE, OUTLINED PARA 2, REF (A). HOWEVER, US ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BLOCKING ELECTION OF POLISH CANDIDATE, AND, IN LIGHT OF ABSENCE OF ANY OTHER ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE, ASSUMES WESTERN SUPPORT WILL SWING TO NORWEGIAN CANDIDATE, HAREIDE. IF GOJ HAS ANY INFORMATION TO THE CONTRARY, DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONVEYING SUCH INFO ASAP.

4. INFO ADDRESSEES REQUESTED TO HOLD THIS INFORMATION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. IF HOWEVER, THEY ALREADY HAVE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY INFORMATION CONCERNING SUPPORT OR LACK THEREOF FOR HAREIDE CANDIDACY, PLEASE ADVISE DEPT ASAP. KISSINGER

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